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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Will the hon. Member make enquiries with regard to it? What I want to know is whether the hon. Member will enquire into the matter?"

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"Is the hon. Member aware that there is much corruption in the Police with regard to registration of motor?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I am not aware of it, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—Will the hon. Member consider the advisability of getting a register opened wherein the date of receipt of applications and date of the issue of the licences will be entered?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Perhaps it might be given effect to. The suggestion will be considered."

*Suspension of buses and taxis.*

*275 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the object that the Police have in view in suspending a bus or a taxi from plying for a fault of the driver who possesses a licence from the Police for driving; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that some of the stopping-places of buses in the City are inconvenient to the public, and no notice has been taken of the representations made thereon by the public to the Police?

A.—(a) The driver is as much responsible for the due observance of the rules as the owner and, under the rules, the permit may be cancelled by the Commissioner of Police in the City for any breach of the rules and conditions either by the driver or by the owner.

(b) The Government have no information.

*Examination of buses and taxis.*

*276 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that according to rules, buses and taxis in the city are examined, and that after they are approved, licences are issued for a period of six months;

(b) if so, what is the reason for the City Traffic department calling upon the owners of such buses and taxis, even before a month lapses after the licence is issued, to carry out additional repairs and renewal of hoods, paint and other parts; and

(c) whether the officer who tests and examines the engine and other parts of a bus or a taxi plying for hire in the city, before it is licensed, is a qualified motor engineer or only a lay Police Officer?

A.—(a) Under condition 4 of the G permit issued under the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules and under rule 16 of the Madras Motor Cab Rules the owner of every bus and taxi in the City should